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**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
REFORM OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS, a fair and efficient legal system that is free of
frivolous and abusive litigation is necessary for a vibrant
economy and to ensure access to affordable health care; and**

**WHEREAS, reasonable limits on damages protect consumers
from the rising costs of products and services and from
diminishing access to those same products and services; and**

**WHEREAS, victims who suffer losses, not attorneys, should
receive the majority of damage awards; and**

**WHEREAS, lawsuits filed in a timely fashion promote
fairness for all parties; and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of the framers of
the United States constitution, lawsuits involving residents of**

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1 different states should be tried in federal court; and

2 WHEREAS, individuals suffer most as a result of frivolous
3 lawsuits when the costs of products and services rise due to
4 exorbitant increases in insurance costs and the availability of
5 products and services declines;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the New Mexico
8 congressional delegation be requested to support meaningful
9 class action legal reform and medical malpractice liability
10 reform as well as any other legal reform; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
13 delegation.